



# ◀ Grand Jury Comix ▶

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THE S.F. NAT. LAWYERS GUILD

"WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN"

ARLENE SIEGAL-RESIST

*with support & criticism from  
many fine compañeras...*

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# WORDS

**DEFENDANT** - the person accused of a crime.

**JUROR** - one of 12 people who is a member of a —

**JURY** - in this case, 12 people - picked from voter registration lists and theoretically unbiased who are sworn to hear evidence presented to them, and to make a decision as to - (in a Grand Jury) whether a crime was committed and who committed it.

**PROSECUTOR** - the person who presents the State's case or argument and gathers evidence for the State.

**WAIVE** - to give up or forgo your rights.

**QUASH** - to have a subpoena or indictment dismissed.

**SUBPOENA** - a written legal order directing a person to testify in court.

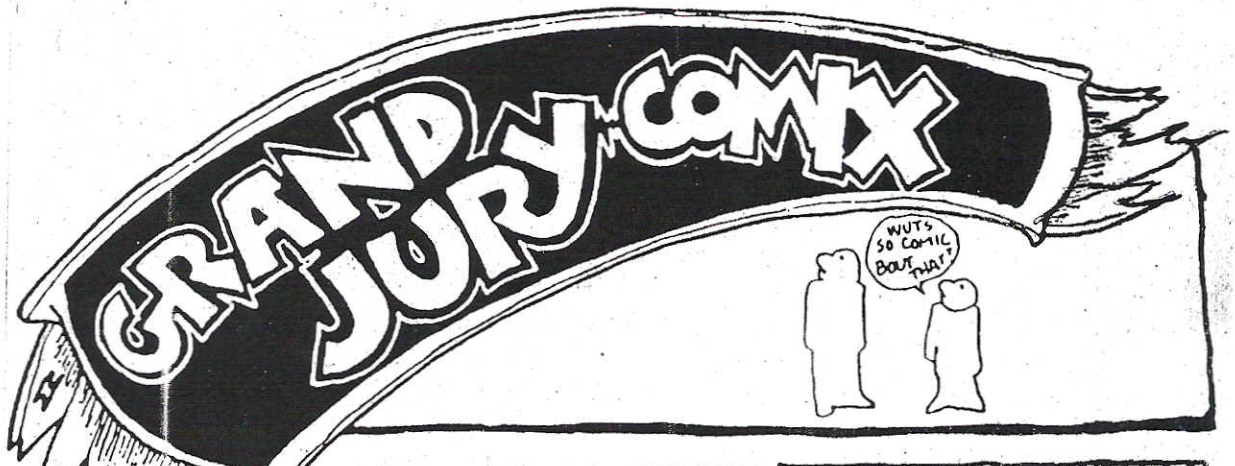
**IMMUNITY** - a sort of court-imposed "protection" that means any information that you provide cannot be used in an indictment against you - when you are "granted" immunity you can't claim 5th Amendment privilege and if you continue to refuse to talk, you may be charged with —

**CONTEMPT** - which means you have violated a rule of the court - a punishable offense which, in the case of Grand Juries, sets you up for a possible jail sentence of the duration of the Jury (up to 18 months).

**INDICTMENT** - the "official" charge with an offense that may result from information divulged in a Grand Jury.

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★ **NEVER LET LEGAL PEOPLE GET BY WITH USING FANCY WORDS OR TERMS THAT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND — ASK, DEMAND TO KNOW WHAT IT MEANS.** We're not dumb, it's in the Gov't's interest to use big words not commonly used so as to confuse us.





POLITICAL GRAND JURIES  
EXIST FOR ONE MAIN REASON—  
FEAR. THE 1% WHO RULE  
THIS COUNTRY ARE AFRAID  
OF THE PEOPLE AND WHAT  
THE PEOPLE CAN DO...  
AFTER VIETNAM, WATERGATE,  
& ATTICA, WITH INFLATION &



INFLATION  
Demonst, murders  
10 arsonists freed  
POLI the latest shooting incident in the  
violent coal strike.  
riots in  
12 arrested taxation  
GUN BATTLE WITH

I SHOULD LOVE  
THIS?



UNEMPLOYMENT HAVIN NO  
END IN SIGHT. MOST FOLKS  
HAVE MORE CAUSE TO HATE  
THIS GOVERNMENT THAN TO  
LOVE IT— AND KNOWING THIS,  
THE GOVERNMENT RESPONDS  
BY ACTING AGAINST THE  
PEOPLE— LAW & ORDER WITH  
GUNS, BOMBS, VIOLENCE & HATE.





THE GOVERNMENT KNEW IT COULDN'T WIN IN VIETNAM, SO IT INVENTED ABSURD EXCUSES TO CONTINUE THE BOMBING.

WE HAVE TO SAVE FACE.

CARTER FORD

WOTTA CHOICE

WHEN LESS THAN 1/3 OF AMERICA'S VOTERS TURNED OUT FOR THE PREZ ELECTION, IT WAS CALLED A POPULIST VICTORY..

**HARD TIMES**

RECESSION  
DEPRESSION  
INFLATION  
BROKE

**UNEMPLOYMENT**

YOU EXPECT ME TO FEED 4 KIDS ON \$28 A WEEK??

PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHECK READY

I DON'T LIKE WELFARE BUT I SURE DON'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE.

NOT TO MENTION FAKE "ENERGY CRISES" DESIGNED TO BRING OIL CORPORATIONS MORE PROFITS....

75¢ A GAL!?

BE THANKFUL YOU GET IT AT ALL

...JAILING REPORTERS WHO CHOOSE TO PROTECT THEIR NEWS SOURCES....

WHAT ABOUT "FREEDOM OF THE PRESS"?

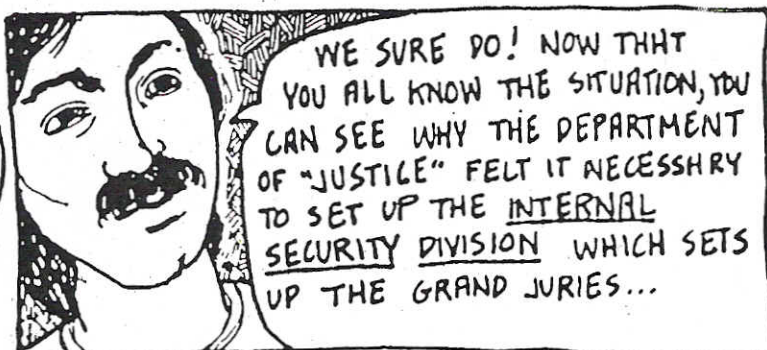
...POLITICAL CORRUPTION...

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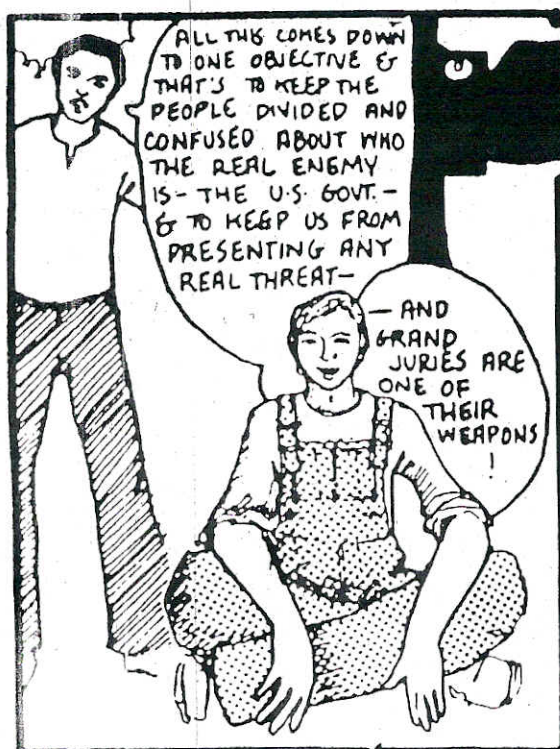
...AND ON AND ON AND ON...

INSTEAD OF SOLVING PROBLEMS, THE GOVT. IGNORES THEM & FIGHTS THE PEOPLE WHO CRY FOR CHHNGE.





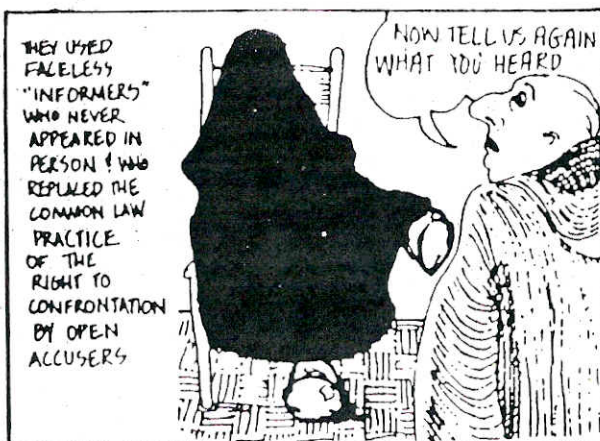
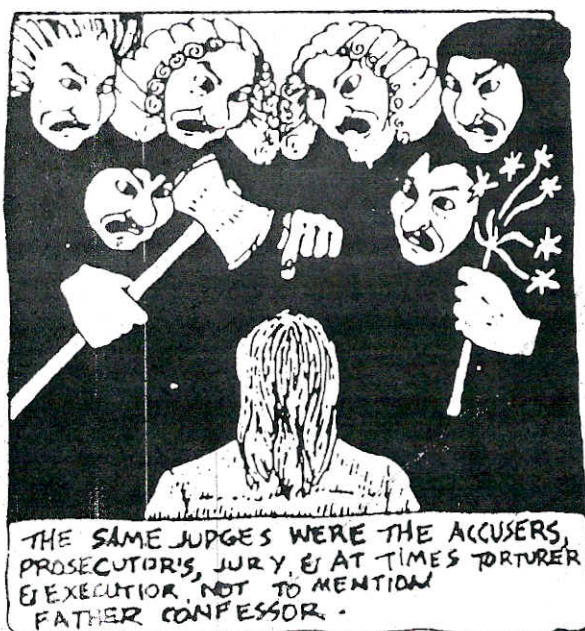




## A SHORT HISTORY

**Grand Juries** FORCED TESTIMONY & OATHS, ARE A SURVIVAL TO PRESENT TIMES OF THE TORTURE CHAMBERS OF THE GRAND INQUISITIONS DURING THE EUROPEAN MIDDLE AGES, WHEN CHURCH & STATE TOGETHER WERE HUNTING WITCHES & RELIGIOUS/POLITICAL HERETICS.

THOSE ACCUSED OF HERESY WERE FORCED TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS FULLY & TO CONFESS TO ALL CHARGES OR SUFFER IMPRISONMENT & TORTURE UNTIL THEY SATISFIED THE INQUISITOR OR DIED. THEY COULD HAVE NO ATTORNEY, NO RIGHT TO HEAR CHARGES AGAINST THEM OR EVIDENCE, NO RIGHT TO OFFER WITNESSES OR TO CROSS-EXAMINE ACCUSERS, NO RIGHT TO REFUSE THE OATH OR TO REMAIN SILENT. REMAINING SILENT WAS TAKEN AS ADMITTING GUILT.







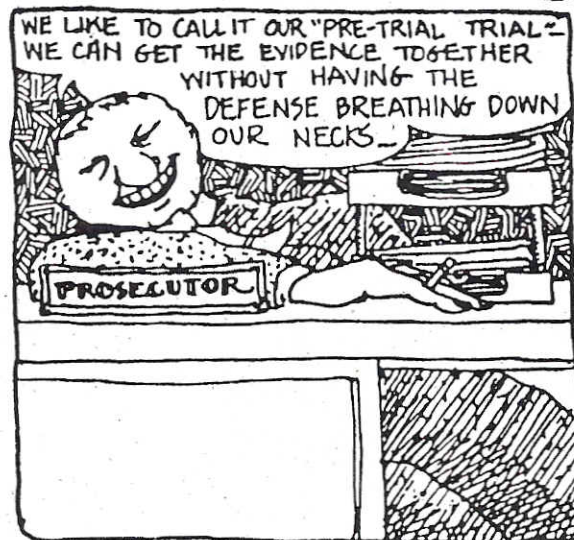
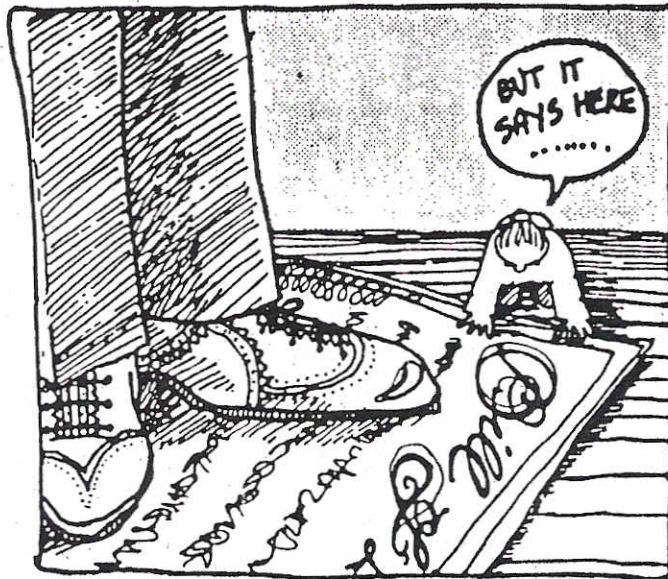
SOUND FAMILIAR? PEOPLE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR A LONG, LONG TIME TO WIN BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND WE'RE STILL FIGHTING - THERE'S A HUGE GAP IN N.AMERICA BETWEEN THE IDEAL OF NATURAL & EQUAL RIGHTS AND THE AMERICAN HISTORY OF OPPRESSION, SLAVERY AND GENOCIDE. EVERYDAY THAT GAP WIDENS.

## In America,

the Grand Jury was established as a part of the Bill of Rights to protect citizens against unfair prosecution.

It is empowered to decide whether a case can be brought against you and/or to investigate official misconduct - people's tools when used correctly; fascist tools when not.

Today, Grand Juries also collect information about "possible" crimes or just information in general about progressive groups & individuals who have outspokenly opposed the status quo...







THE GRAND JURY ITSELF IS CONTROLLED BY THE **PROSECUTOR** (A P.A. OR US ATTORNEY) WHO MANAGES THE PROCEEDINGS, BRINGS DOCUMENTS AND WITNESSES, DOES ALL THE QUESTIONING, AND DRAFTS THE INDICTMENTS WHICH THE JURY APPROVES. THE JURY'S SOLE LEGAL ADVISOR FOR THE PROCEEDING IS (GUESS) THE PROSECUTOR.

**NOTE:** THE JURORS CAN TAKE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CONTROL & ASK QUESTIONS - UNFORTUNATELY, THEY RARELY DO.

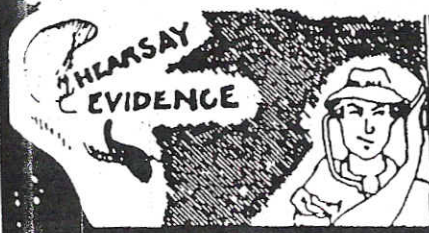
LIKE OTHER JURIES, GRAND JURORS ARE DRAWN FROM LISTS OF REGISTERED VOTERS - POOR, THIRD WORLD AND ALIENATED PEOPLE ARE UNDER REPRESENTED TO START WITH.



A DEFENDANT GETS DAMN LITTLE FROM THIS SYSTEM - SHE & HER LAWYER CAN'T BE IN THE JURY ROOM, THEY CAN'T CROSS EXAMINE STATE WITNESSES OR OBJECT TO QUESTIONS PUT TO FRIENDLY WITNESSES, THEY (IN SOME STATES) CAN'T EVEN GO BEFORE THE JURY THAT'S DISCUSSING HER & IN OTHER STATES, MAY TESTIFY ONLY IF SHE AGREES THAT HER TESTIMONY CAN BE USED AGAINST HER.

## ADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE

that can be used against you



**WIRE TAP EVIDENCE**

EVIDENCE GATHERED FROM  
**OTHER SOURCES**  
MAY BE USED IN PROSECUTION FOR ACTS DESCRIBED BY A WITNESS TESTIFYING UNDER OATH

FBI AND GOVT INFORMATION MEMORY BANKS





THE JURORS,  
PROSECUTOR,  
AND COURT  
CLERKS ARE  
BOUND TO  
SECRECY -  
WITNESSES  
ARE NOT.



## THERE ARE 2 KINDS OF FEDERAL GRAND JURIES

1. REGULAR "CRIMINAL" GRAND JURIES WHICH MEET TO CONSIDER CASES INVOLVING FEDERAL OFFENSES, AND —
2. "INVESTIGATORY" G'JURIES WHICH ARE CALLED TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE CRIMES & ARE COMMONLY USED AS 'FISHING EXPEDITIONS' TO COERCE 'POTENTIAL' DEFENDANTS' AND FRIENDS INTO DIVULGING INFO ABOUT LEFTIST, FEMINIST, GAY, THIRD WORLD, PROGRESSIVE, YOU-NAME-IT GOINGS-ON.



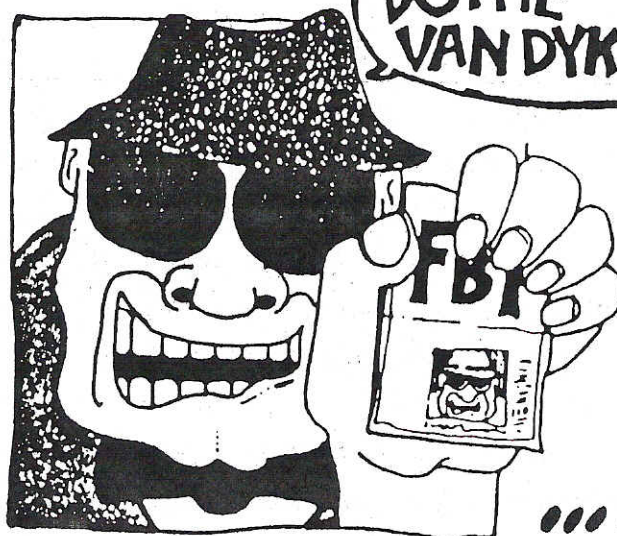
BUT... DON'T BE MISLED!

the Government has begun to use "criminal" g'juries for the same purposes as "investigative" —

NOW AS LONG AS WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT OF CREDIT CARD VIOLATIONS, WHY DON'T WE TALK ABOUT YOUR MON-DAY NITE MEET-INGS, HMM?



which brings us to...



DOTTIE VAN DYKE?

... →





# A SUBPOENA

is an order to present oneself for interrogation by a Grand Jury...

THE GON'T TRY'S TO FIND WITNESSES IT THINKS WILL BE CO-OPERATIVE OR WHO MAY BE EASILY COERCED - SINGLE PARENTS, PEOPLE ON WELFARE, OR 'UNINVOLVED' FRIENDS OF FRIENDS...



So, now we come to a very BASIC and TERSELY worded little motto:

# DON'T TALK



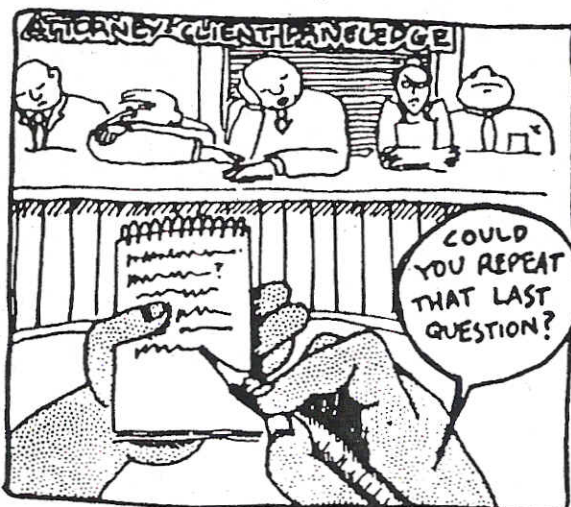


## IN THE COURTROOM...



*Your attorney won't be allowed in with you tho s/he may wait in another room -*

- YOU CAN LEAVE THE COURTROOM AT ANY TIME, CONSULT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY AND RETURN. YOU CAN DO THIS AFTER EACH QUESTION AND YOU MAY TAKE AS LONG AS IS NECESSARY. YOU CAN WRITE THE QUESTION DOWN & ALSO THE ANSWER; YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE THEM YOUR NOTES THO THEY'LL PROBABLY ASK YOU FOR THEM.



**HOWEVER...**



# DON'T TESTIFY!

BUT, WHAT COULD HAPPEN?



1. You are one person who does not resist.
2. You have made real what they were only guessing.
3. You have increased your chances of being subpoenaed again.
4. You may be responsible for someone, perhaps yourself, going to prison.



SO, HOW TO GET OUT OF IT ?

# TAKE THE 5TH\*



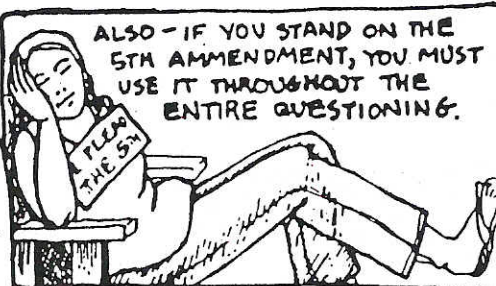
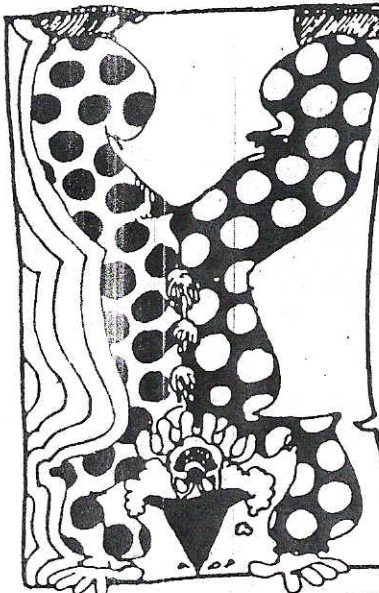
No person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, ... nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb, nor shall

## THE RIGHT AGAINST SELF INCRIMINATION

Be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against herself, nor to be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.

## BUT...

IT CAN BE A LITTLE TRICKIER THAN THAT... BY STANDING ON THE 5TH YOU SET YOURSELF UP FOR POSSIBLE CONTEMPT OF COURT CHARGES WHICH CARRY TERMS OF UP TO 18 MOS. UP THE RIVER IF YER FOUND GUILTY...



ALSO - IF YOU STAND ON THE 5TH AMMENDMENT, YOU MUST USE IT THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE QUESTIONING.

YOU MAY ALSO REFUSE TO TESTIFY ON GROUNDS OF

1<sup>ST</sup> AMMENDMENT ~~THE~~ FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND (POLITICAL) ASSOCIATION

4<sup>TH</sup> AMMENDMENT ~~THE~~ PROTECTION FROM LLEGAL SEARCH & SEIZURE (E: ILLEGAL SURVEILLANCE)

6<sup>TH</sup> AMMEND ~~THE~~ THE RIGHT TO HAVE LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT

9<sup>TH</sup> AMMEND ~~THE~~ THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

IF... YOU DECIDE NOT TO STAND ON THE 5TH, YOU SHOULD HAVE AN ATTORNEY.

ANSWERING ANY QUESTION BESIDES YOUR NAME & ADDRESS, HOLDS YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR ANSWERING ALL OTHER QUESTIONS PUT BEFORE YOU, AND YOU CANNOT USE THE 5TH.



EVER SEE THIS CAT?

AHA!

WHAT IS THIS MAN'S NAME AND WHERE IS HE NOW?

WHY SHORE! THAT'S HARVEY!



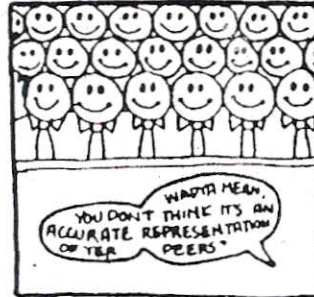
## IN ADDITION TO CONSTITUTIONAL GROUNDS

YOU MAY BE ABLE TO REFUSE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS THAT...



...GO BEYOND THE SCOPE AND JURISDICTION OF THE G.I. INVESTIGATION - HOWEVER, DON'T RELY ON THIS AS THE G'VT HAS BEEN RELUCTANT TO LIMIT THE SCOPE OF GRAND JURIES.

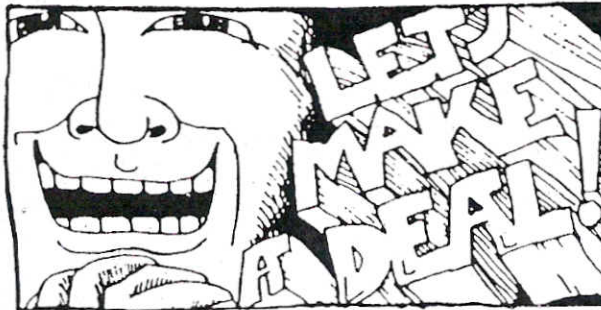
OR BECAUSE THE COMPOSITION OF THE JURY MAY NOT (AHEM) REFLECT ONE'S LIFESTYLE →



OR BECAUSE THEY PROBE INTO THE AFOREMENTIONED CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONS



IS THE STATE'S WAY OF FORCING YOU TO TALK BY THREATENING YOU WITH IMPRISONMENT.







## IMMUNITY COMES IN 2 PACKAGES:

**'USE'** IMMUNITY MEANS THE INFORMATION YOU GIVE CANNOT BE USED AGAINST YOU, THO INFO FROM OTHER SOURCES COULD RESULT IN AN INDICTMENT AGAINST YOU.

**'TRANSACTIONAL'** IMMUNITY MEANS THE GOVERNMENT CAN'T INDICT A WITNESS IN REGARD TO ANYTHING TESTIFIED ABOUT.

IF THE COURT DECIDES TO "GRANT" YOU IMMUNITY IT WILL; YOU HAVE NO SAY IN THE MATTER - AND ONCE YOU'RE "IMMUNE" YOU CAN NO LONGER CLAIM 5TH AMMENDMENT PRIVELEDGE, SO, NOW, IF YOU REFUSE TO TALK YOU MAY BE FOUND IN "CONTEMPT OF COURT" AND -



-THEN IT'S A SAFE BET YA MIGHT BE STARIN' AT FOUR WALLS FOR AWHILE.

## AND YOU STAY IN JAIL UNTIL



THE G'JURY IS OVER. - (18 MOS USUALLY)



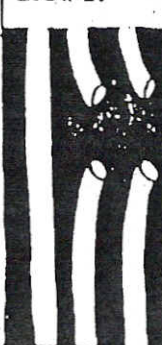
YOU ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS - every 30 days they may bring you back for questioning.



YOU ARE RELEASED ON BAIL PENDING APPEAL ON CONTEMPT CITATION



THEY RELEASE YOU OR YOU ESCAPE.





REMEMBER!  
there's only one way  
to deal with Grand Juries  
and the FBI. alike...



# REFUSE TO TALK

Bugs, Infiltrators & the Threat of Prison  
aren't the only way Police find out what's going on. All too often  
we and our friends supply information that may have  
seemed trivial at the time because...

...IT WASN'T IMPOR-  
TANT, THEY THOUGHT  
I WAS INVOLVED IN  
THAT BOMBING BUT  
I TOLD THEM THAT ME  
& YOU WERE IN IDAHO  
THAT WEEKEND...

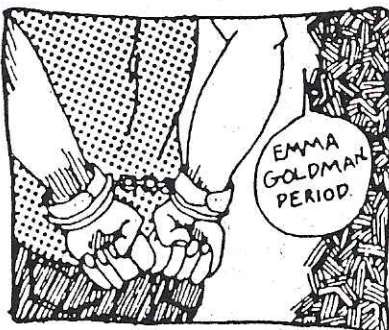
...I GOT SO  
FREAKED, THEY  
SAID THEY TALKED  
TO MY MOM, I  
JUST FORGOT,  
I WAS SO  
SCARED...

...I THOUGHT  
I COULD FIGURE  
OUT WHAT THEY'RE  
UP TO SO I PLAYED  
ALONG, BESIDES  
IT'S ILLEGAL NOT  
TO TALK ISN'T IT?

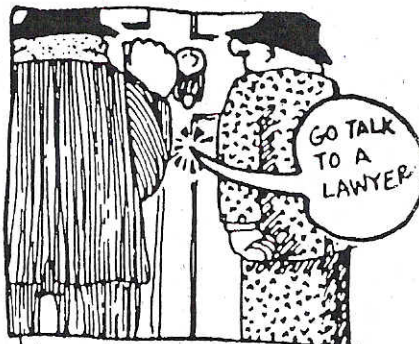
THERE IS NO LAW THAT REQUIRES US TO TALK WITH A F.B.I.  
AGENT or ANY INVESTIGATOR OR COP.



YOU DO HAVE TO LET 'EM IN  
IF THEY HAVE AN ARREST OR  
SEARCH WARRANT- YOU  
STILL DON'T HAVE TO TALK  
TO THEM.



IF YOU'RE ARRESTED YOU  
MUST IDENTIFY YOURSELF  
BUT SAY NOTHING ELSE.  
YOU HAVE A LEGAL RIGHT  
TO CALL A LAWYER  
AND TO REFUSE  
TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

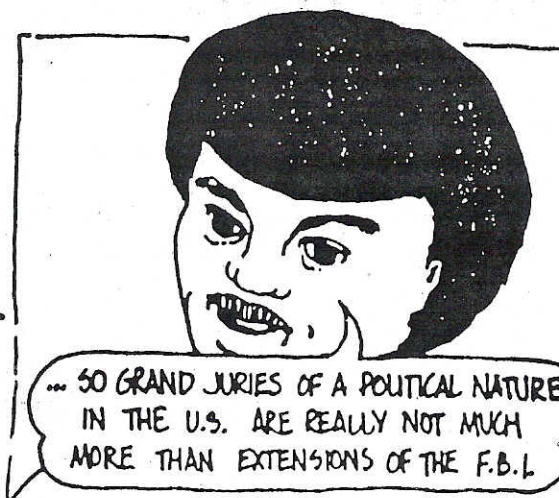
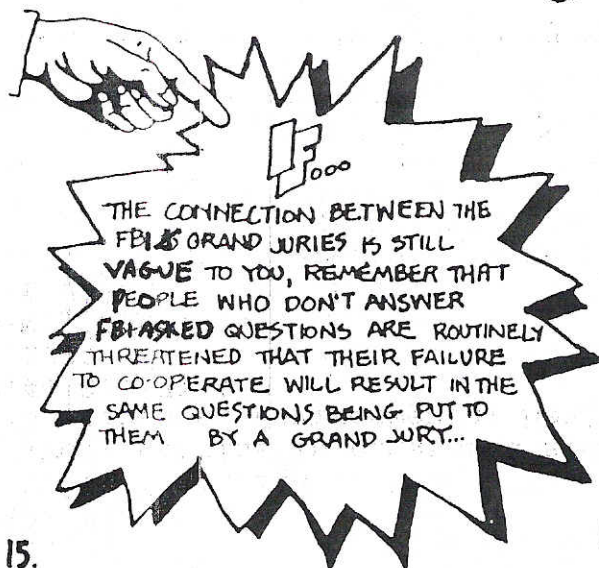


AGENTS ARE USED TO BEING  
TOLD TO GET LOST-BUT IF THEY  
THINK THAT YOU MIGHT TELL THEM  
SOMETHING, THEY'LL KEEP  
HANGING AROUND... SO,  
WHAT ARE THEY  
AFTER? +

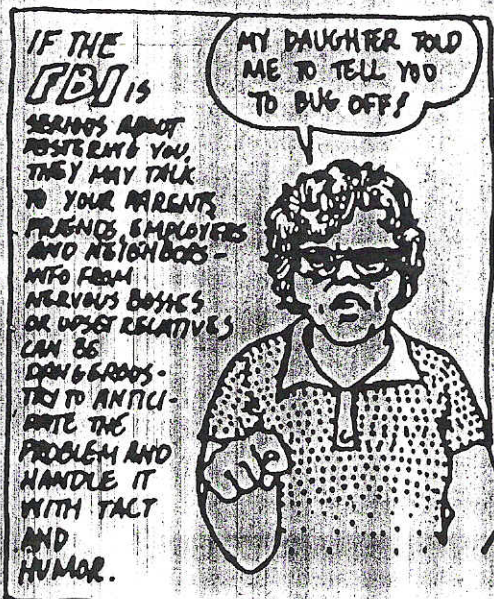
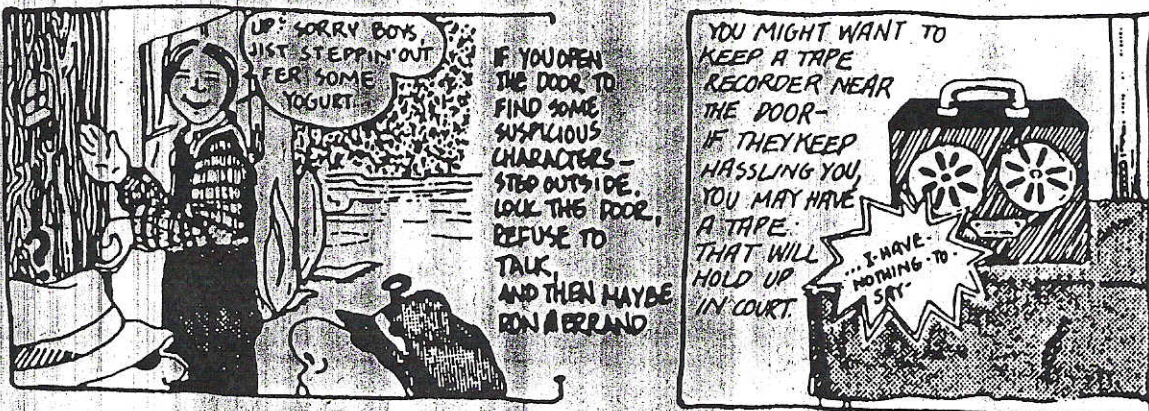
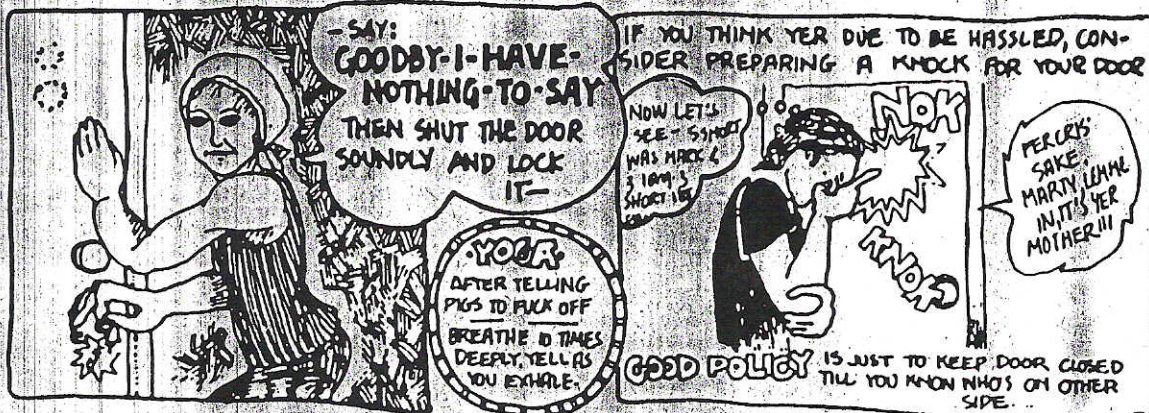


No F.B.I. Agent asks  
idle questions - a long  
answer, a short answer, truth-  
ful or lying all provide the  
State with useful information...

**ALSO**, the FBI can lie to  
you at will - but if you tell  
any lie to them, you can  
be prosecuted under a US law that makes it a crime to lie to  
any federal official even when you're not under oath.





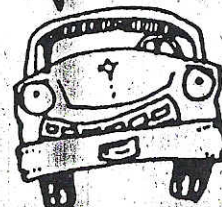


**WRITE IT DOWN!**  
WHenever you have contact with the FBI, ATF, or any police in general, get complete descriptions

NAME?  
BADGE #?  
LOOKS?  
QUESTIONS?

COLOR  
YEAR  
MAKE  
BODYTYPE  
ANTENNAS  
LICENSE PLATES

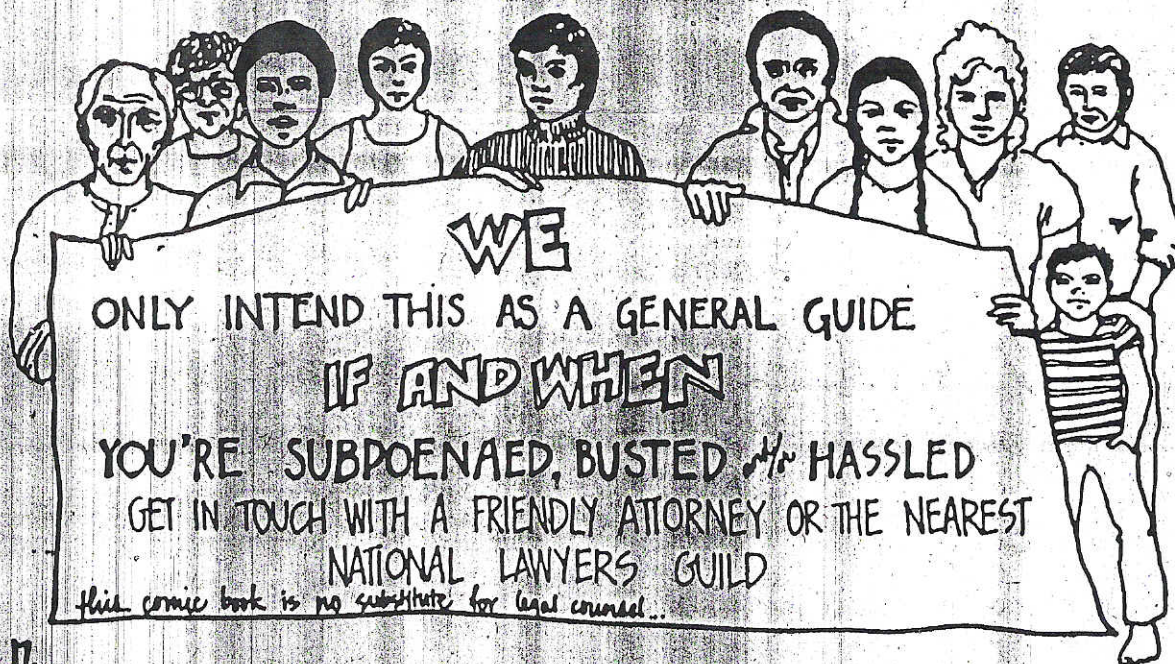
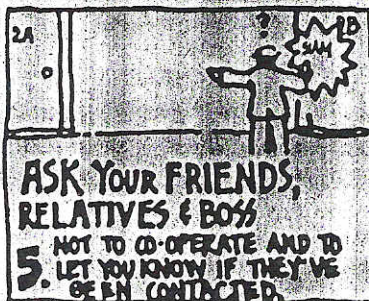
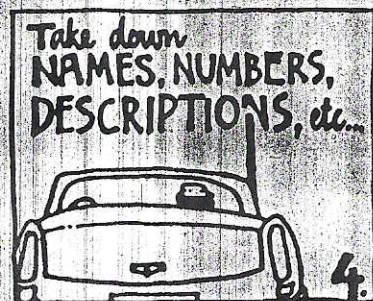
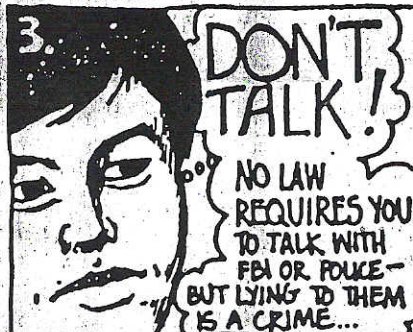
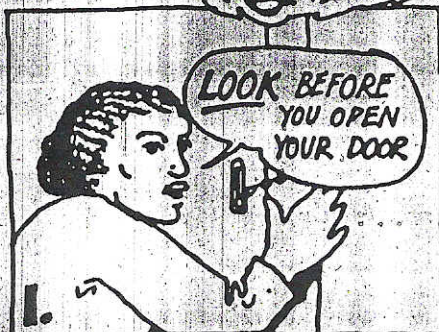
REMEMBER  
"C.Y.M.B.A.L."



THIS INFO IS THE BEGINNING OF YOUR LEGAL PROTECTION AGAINST REPRESSION—



# REMEMBER, FOLKS





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## Community Unity



IMMEDIATELY AFTER A POLITICAL GRAND JURY BEGINS AND SUBPOENAS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT, A DEFENSE COMMITTEE SHOULD FORM THAT INCLUDES WITNESSES, SUPPORTERS, LAWYERS & LEGAL WORKERS. INCLUDING LAWYERS WILL PROTECT THE COMMITTEE UNDER ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE.

THE DEFENSE COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS ISSUES LIKE WHETHER TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCES & DEMONSTRATIONS, WHAT LEGAL STRATEGIES TO TAKE AND WHAT LEGAL MOTIONS TO FILE —



SPECIFIC DETAILS OF ANY WITNESSES' POSSIBLE OR ACTUAL TESTIMONY-OR ANY OTHER SENSITIVE ISSUE SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED OPENLY





# ★ LA LUCHA CONTINUA!

"PEOPLE MUST MOBILIZE AROUND THESE ISSUES. TO DO THIS, PEOPLE MUST FIRST BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE GRAND JURY AND ITS ABUSES, PUBLICIZING THE FACTS AND EDUCATING OTHERS AS TO THEIR RIGHTS. SECONDLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO ENGENDER IN OTHERS A COMMITMENT TO THE RESISTANCE OF THESE ABUSES, WHICH CAN TAKE A VARIETY OF FORMS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ONE'S REFUSAL TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE GRAND JURY. THIRDLY, IT IS NECESSARY TO KEEP IN MIND THAT, WHILE COURT BATTLES CAN BE FOUGHT & SOMETIMES EVEN WON, THESE ABUSES OF THE LAW ARE NOT ABNORMALITIES IN A BASICALLY GOOD SYSTEM—THEY RATHER ILLUSTRATE THE TRUE INTENTIONS OF A BAD SYSTEM MORE OPENLY & GRAPHICALLY THAN OTHER MORE INSIDIOUS PRACTICES AND THIS SHOULD DOMINATE OUR THINKING AS WE ORGANIZE"

FROM A STATEMENT BY THE LEXINGTON SIX,  
JAILED FOR NON-COOPERATION WITH A  
GRAND JURY.

WHEN REPRESSION AND PANIC STRIKE, THERE IS A STRONG TENDENCY TO GET CAUGHT UP IN LEGALITIES. YET POLITICS MUST BE PRIMARY. WE CAN'T ALLOW REPRESSION TO SUCCEED IN SIPHONING OFF OUR ENERGIES AWAY FROM OUR DAILY POLITICAL WORK.

—WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN?